

Haravrt's Betrothal

In one of the busiest cities in the world, Hong Kong. There was a greedy poor family, whose family was willing to do anything just for money. They are Peter and Sally, they have two daughters and a son. The eldest daughter was named Harvart to symbolize her beauty and intelligence. Even though Harvart had never gone to school, she was very knowledgeable, her marks were always the highest in her classes, even in her whole school. The others were called Mako and Newton. Harvart had a boyfriend, but unfortunately, his boyfriend moved on and harvart still loved him.

One and a half years later, Harvart had just turned 18 that day, and all of their family was celebrating with her, they were all very happy for her, especially her parents. Everything was going right until disaster struck. Allegedly, Peter and Sally have planned something big for her. They blindfolded her and then took her to a room. As she opened her eyes, a beam of bright light shone straight into her eye when she started to adapt to the brightness. She saw a bright room with an old man wearing a fancy suit standing on the stage smiling at her. Roughly 150 guests were sitting on the guest seat next to her. At first, she thought one of their nieces had a secret marriage hidden from her to surprise her on her birthday. She thought, "There's no way that my nieces would like an old man like him. Also, we're homeless, how could we afford such an expensive marriage?" But little did she know, her parents had arranged a marriage for her. They told Harvart "he was an old Hong Kong multi-billionaire, a Hong Kong business magnate and investor, Le Ka-Shing. Le Ka-Shing had lost her wife years ago in a birth trauma, he was devastated, determined to find a girl that looked like her. When half a year ago, Le Ka-Shing found you on the street. He was shocked to see that you looked just like her dead wife, so he asked us for approval to marry you in the future. In return, he will give money to us, love, and care for you. We accepted the offer, where can you find a better offer than this?"

'Are you guys crazy? That is just like selling me to slavery, I'm also a human, I have feelings too! Have you ever considered that? You two are just greedy bastards!" Harvart screamed, then ran off. Sally rushed and caught her arm and kneeled. "I'm sorry! But we promised him that you'll get married to him. Please, in all your 18 years, you've never made us proud once, please just make us proud of you once. You're an adult now, you need to repay us today!" Sally said with a desperate tone.

"Yeah, you're right. I'm an adult now you can force me to do anything, I can control my own life now. It's none of your business. Now, get out of my sight, don't make me repeat myself! Do you understand?" Harvart angrily said.

Peter yelled "Hey kiddo, you better watch your tone. We are your parents, don't yell at us like that, that is disrespectful! We made you with our know blood, we raised you with our money. Even though we are greedy, doesn't mean that you can talk to us with this tone!"

"I...I" Harvart stuttered

Le Ka-Shing knew that he would lose her if this kept going on, so he shouted "I promise I'll make this work out for us, I promise that I'll give you anything I got"

Harvart saw that Le Ka-Shing was this determined, so she looked at her kneeling mother and said "Fine, I'll give it a shot, but you promise that you must always satisfy me."

"I promise!" shouted Le Ka-Shing

As the wedding ceremony started, 150 guests were given some luxurious champagne. Suddenly, Beethoven's "Ode to Joy " began to play in the background, as the groom and bride started to walk to the stage. The wedding officiant said, "Do you wish to take harvart to be your lawful wedding wife?"

"Yes, I do," said Le Ka-Shing. He leaned closer to Harvart. He seemed to can't take his eyes off her, the sight of her mesmerizing eyes left him weak, and there were no words left for him to speak.

"Do you wish to take Le Ka-Shing as your lawful wedding husband, to love and cherish him in good times and in bad, for as long as you both shall live?" said the officiant.

Harvart's eyes were slightly downcast, and her arm stiffened, showing hesitant and the tough decision that she was going to make. She bravely said "Yes, I do" with a face of regret. Le Ka-Shing immediately noticed it, he felt bad for her. But he is determined to make it work out.

After the ceremony, the two families started to take pictures when Harvart showed a forced smile in all of their photos, but Harvart had hope in him.

After the wedding, Harvart and Le Ka-Shing returned to Le Ka-Shing's mansion. Harvart new life was just beginning. Over the past few years, they grew more and more comfortable with each other. Le Ka-Shing was happy about their marriage, and Harvart became more and more friendly toward Le Ka-Shing as she started to adapt to the environment. She also experiences unexpected joy in her marriage. That's what Le Ka-Shing thought. Even though Harvart still thinks that Le Ka-Shing is perfect, she still wishes that it was her ex. She thinks that perfect doesn't mean that it must work so she can do nothing. Although she knows it's wrong to think that, it almost sounds like she is just with him, hoping to find a glimpse of her and her ex together.

Although her life seemed perfect. Her constant thinking of her ex made her depressed. She started to steal money from Le Ka-Shing to buy an enormous amount of cocaine and marijuana. Her physical health and mental health are at an all-time low, she started to see worms inside her eye. One time, Harvart was feeling extreme discomfort in her eye, so painful that she ran toward the kitchen to grab a fork, ready to stab her eye. Luckily Le Ka-Shing was fast enough to catch her hand and throw the knife away from her. Le Ka-Shing is beating at a fast pace. He said "Haravrt! What are you trying to do?"

Harvart said" Oh! Nothing, I was just going for the ice cream in the fridge"

"Harvart, who even eats ice-cream with a spoon? Just tell me the truth!" said Le Ka-Shing

Harvart said "Fine, I was constantly thinking of my ex during our marriage. I didn't want you to get upset about it so I hid it from you, until one day I became depressed, and I secretly used some of your money to buy some cocaine and marijuana. Sorry"

"It's okay, as long as you told me the truth. Now we are going to seek help from the police, the police may direct you to treatment programs or rehabilitation services. So don't worry they won't arrest you" said Le Ka-Shing.

Le Ka-Shing rushed to his nearby telephone to call the police. "999, what's your emergency?" says the police

Le Ka-Shing said, "Um, I wanted to report that my wife was on drugs, so I wanted the Drug Addiction Treatment Centre to help her quit drug abuse."

"No problem, we'll send the police over as fast as possible, what's your name? Where is your location?" said the police.

"My name is Le Ka-Shing, and I'm at Nathan Road 77C," said Le Ka-Shing.

"Oh, you're Sir Ka-Shing's brother. The police are coming immediately, be patient." said the police.

15 minutes later. Le Ka-Shing heard a loud knock on the door. The police are here, please open up. He rushed to the door to open it for them, the firefighter carried Harvart to the ambulance. Then the police asked Le Ka-Shing for a house search, and Le Ka-Shing agreed to it even though they didn't have a warrant. The police searched for a while until, "Hey buddy, look what I've found inside your sofa. Two pounds of cocaine, care to explain Mr. Ka-Shing? In Hong Kong, the possession and trafficking of illegal drugs are governed by the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance."

"Please don't arrest her, she realized that what she did was wrong" screamed Le Ka-Shing.

"Sorry, she did a crime, there is no turning back," said the police.

"Please, I'm begging" said Le Ka-Shing.

"Sorry, I can't do anything about it," said the police.

In the hospital, the police came to Harvart "You'll stay in the hospital for a while. After that, we'll send you to a prison to wait for your trial, do you understand?" said the police.

"Yes... I do" Harvart said with a weak tone.

2 weeks has passed. It's time for Harvart to face her trial as the trial starts, Le Ka-Shing is just watching her, feeling helpless and useless. He realized that while he loved her, he could not protect her from the consequences of her actions. As the trial started, she faced her mistake in her past life, determined to change into a better person, she decided not to like the trial and forced herself to confront her addiction. The judge was amazed at her honesty. He reduced her sentence to jail and had the opportunity for rehabilitation.

After her jail time was over, Harvart's life returned to normal, and her mental health was better than ever. Le Ka-Shing and Harvart's relationship was also better than ever, even though there were some ups and downs in their lives. They eventually had a baby boy called Yale. Together, they have never been happier.